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MAKING BIG HAULS.

Traps and Steamer Doing Well at Provincetown.

The spring catch of fish by the weirmen of Provincetown bids fair to break the record, and make of the opening months of the present season the banner pollock producing period, so far as that port is concerned. Immense hauls of the species have been caught daily during the past fortnight, and boats laden almost to the sinking point with their burdens of eight-pounders still circle into the ends of fish buyers' piers.

Within the last week the school has penetrated to the harbor, the greatest catches being made there at present. The little steamer Laura, Capt. David Blatchford, brought in 23,000 pounds at one trip Friday, the largest lot it is claimed ever brought to wharf by a town weir craft, and on the following day that boat landed 40,000 pounds, while the George Leslie was a close second with 35,000 pounds landed during the day. The biggest single haul made at one sweep of the seine was that made yesterday by the steam seiner Angelia B. Nickerson, 60,000. The Water Witch of Gloucester has made sundry fat hauls of late.

Plenty of Herring at Seaconnet.

A dispatch to the TIMES this noon states that there are plenty of herring at Seaconnet at 60 cents per hundred.

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STRUCK RICH.

Shackers Got Big Fishing on the Peak.

Several at This Port and Boston Today With Big Fares.

The shack fleet has evidently been striking some big fishing of late, for this morning there are several of the biggest trips of the season from the Peak at Boston and this port. It looks as if the much-talked-of school of fish, which was late in coming on, had recently struck. The vessels here today with big fares, all the way from 90,000 to 140,000 pounds, are schs. Kentucky, Orinoco, Harmony, Slade Gordon, Colonial and Golden-Rod.

DREW LOTS OF WATER.

Sch. Harmony Grounded Yesterday in the Harbor.

Sch. Harmony of Boston must draw lots of water, for yesterday forenoon she came down from Boston in tow, with a big fare of fresh fish, and grounded in the inner harbor off Walen's wharf. One of the local towboats went to assist the Boston craft and the schooner was soon floated and docked at William F. Moore's wharf. In speaking of the incident, one of the crew of the Harmony said that she was drawing fully 18 feet of water.

STILL IN THE ICE.

Sch. Talisman Still Detained at Bay of Islands.

News from the Bay of Islands, N. F., received lately, states that the sch. Talisman of this port, which was frozen in by the ice there last winter, is still in the ice floe there.

AT NEW YORK.

Sch. Victor Arrives Leaking Around Steering Gear.

Letter from Seining Fleet Reports No Mackerel.

Sch. Victor, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, is at New York, having put in there leaking around her steering gear. Capt. Jacobs reports no mackerel.

A letter received in this city this morning from Charles Benson, one of the crew of sch. Mary A. Gleason, of the southern seining fleet, dated at Fort Hancock, N. J., yesterday, reports the following vessels at New York:

Schs. Mary E. Harty, Lena and Maud, Lottie G. Merchant, Harry G. French, Smpgler, S. F. Maker, Richard Wainwright, Avalon and Golden Hope.

Mr. Benson reports very bad weather, and says the Gleason carried away her topsail during a stiff breeze. He said that no mackerel had been seen for two weeks, and he had been as far as Fenwick's island lightship.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Harmony, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Slade Gordon, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Colonial, 100,000 fresh fish.

Sch. Kentucky, Peak, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Golden Rod, Peak, 140,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. J. P. Foster, Jr., Provincetown, 700 qtls. cured fish.

[Sen. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.

Sch. Margaret, Grand Bank, 4000 lbs. halibut. 1000 lbs. flitch halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Isaac Collins, shacking.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.12 1-2 for large, \$3.27 1-2 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2, medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, 70 cts.

Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4 3-8 for large and \$3 5-8 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 8000 haddock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Gertrude, 25,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Malicia Enos, 3500 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos.

Sch. Esperanza.

Sch. Mattakesett, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 25,000 haddock, 32,000 cod, 6000 hake, 8000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Moonaman, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 25,000 halibut.

Sch. Zephyr, 7000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 6000 haddock.

Sch. Alcida, 500 haddock, 1300 cod, 13,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 8000 haddock.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 13,000 haddock.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.60; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Talisman arrived at Canso on Monday and passed that port the same day.

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SCH. ANGIELENA ASHORE.

Boston Netter Struck on Point Off Sandy Hook.

Was Floated Last Night with Aid of Tug.

Sch. Angielena, of Boston, Capt. Samuel T. Joseph, one of the southern mackerel netting fleet, went ashore Tuesday night on the point off Sandy Hook, at the same spot where the sch. Agnes E. Downes of this port went ashore Monday night and was fortunately floated the next day.

All day Wednesday, the Angielena remained hard and fast, the wrecking steamer William E. Chapman making an unsuccessful attempt to float her. Another attempt to get her off was made last night by the Chapman with better success, for this time the craft was floated.

Wants a Fishery Board Appointed.

A Halifax correspondent to a northern exchange, speaking of the apathy of the Dominion Government relative to various issues in the fisheries, says: "To my mind it will ever be thus, not only with the bait freezers, the sardine fishery, the dogfish pest, the inferior cure of herring and other kindred evils under which the industry labors, until such time as the government adopts the same or a similar plan as is now in force in Scotland for the administration of the fisheries there, viz.: by appointing a Fishery Board, formed of practical men interested in the fishing, to administer the fishery and all pertaining thereto on a broad and comprehensive plan outside of and apart from any or all political influence or interference."

Norway Fishery.

The Norwegian fish catch to date shows but a slight increase over that of last year. The total catch to April 11, 1904, is 24,900,000 as against 24,100,000 last year. This is distributed as follows: Lofoten, 6,900,000 as against 8,300,000; others, 18,000,000 as against 15,000,000. The total increase over last year's catch is but 800,000.

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BEST OF THE SEASON.

Sch. Volant Makes a Record Stock and Share.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Frank Stream, stocked \$3384 on her recent Georges halibut trip, the crew making the splendid share of \$125. This is the best stock and share of the season, not only in this line of fishing, but in any, excepting the few salt fishermen which have been home and who were on much longer trips. Capt. Stream is always right on deck with good profitable trips.

MORE MACKEREL AT CAPE COD.

One Hundred Taken in Traps There Today.

There seems to be quite a few mackerel in the vicinity of Cape Cod, for the traps there took 100 this morning.

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LOBSTER LEGISLATION.

Search Law Reported to the Senate Yesterday.

House Refers Lobster Recommendations to Next General Court.

State House, Boston, April 28.—Senator Moody Kimball of Newburyport, for the committee on fisheries and game, reported in the senate yesterday, the search law as recommended by the commissioners of fisheries and game in the annual report. Representative Walker of Greenwich dissents.

This bill met with strenuous opposition on the part of the lobster fishermen all along the coast, it being their contention that the enactment of such legislation would be depriving them of their rights and liberties. Representative Tarr of Rockport stated to the committee at the hearing that in his opinion the bill would be declared unconstitutional, it being in violation of two sections of both the state and United States constitution.

The committee on fisheries and game gave a hearing on Tuesday to the advocates of the proposed legislation. Representative Tarr of Rockport with others appeared in opposition. Mr. Tarr stated to the committee that the enactment of the bill prohibiting the sale of lobsters except in their shell was unreasonable and unfair. He cited the fact that in order to preserve the meat in many instances, the fishermen were obliged to boil their catch before sending to market, and it was often considered expedient to remove the meat from the shell. Furthermore, in cold weather the live lobster is easily chilled and dies, and therefore it is imperative that they should be cooked and be marketable.

The argument of Mr. Tarr was not successfully combatted by the many advocates of the bill, who contended that this legislation was necessary to prevent the taking of short lobsters and shipping their meat to the market.

The right to search without a warrant which under the bill is conferred upon the commissioner and deputy commissioner, also members of the district police, was the objectionable feature of the proposed legislation. It is safe to predict that when the matter is reached for debate every effort will be made by the representatives of the lobster industry to prevent the enactment of the bill.

It is understood that the Cape Ann representatives will take up the cause of the lobstermen and champion their cause. An effort will be made by the members representing cities and towns affected by this legislation to solidify their forces and present a solid front in opposition to the bill when it appears in the calendar for consideration.

As a result of the combined effort of Representatives Tarr, Hubbard and McIntire, the committee on fisheries and game voted yesterday to single out of the fish and game commission annual report the recommendations regarding the lobster fishery, and recommend reference to the next general court. As a consequence, the proposed enactment of the law preventing the sale of lobster meat except in the shell, and the law licensing persons engaged in the lobster industry, will not be considered by this year's legislature.

The proposed laws were recommended as a result of the convention held at the state house last fall at which were delegates from the lobster-producing states. The delegates of each of the states represented were to recommend to their respective legislatures the passage of the laws.

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Mr. Tarr further objected most strenuously to the second law as recommended by the convention, which provided for the licensing of lobstermen. He contended that as this was an honorable industry it should not be placed in the same category as the liquor traffic. He saw no good reason why persons engaged in this industry should be so encumbered with laws of all kinds and construction. To him it was manifestly unjust to give the commissioners the right of revoking the license of a fisherman before the latter had been proved guilty of breaking the law. Under the bill the commission would have the right to cause a lobsterman to surrender his permit simply when he is suspected of violating the lobster law.

In the senate yesterday afternoon, the report of the committee was accepted without debate.

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Boston.

Sch. Nellie Dixon.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock put into Portsmouth, yesterday, for bait.

ANOTHER NETTER IN.

Sch. A. C. Newhall at New York with 90 Mackerel.

The netter A. C. Newhall arrived at New York this morning with 90 fresh mackerel.

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THOUGHT TO BE LOST.

Fears for Safety of Essex-Built Whaling Vessel.

Fears are entertained for the safety of the whaling sch. Carrie D. Knowles of Provincetown. The craft left that port for Dominica on Jan. 27 a 20 days' trip, and since that time nothing has been heard from the vessel. Soon after her departure the steamer Lancastrian (from across the "pond") reported having passed a vessel of fishing model bottom upward.

It has been rumored that the Knowles was seen by a Gloucester fishing boat somewhere on the southern part of Georges, and that the fishing craft experienced hurricane weather the following night.

The Knowles was built at Essex in 1887 and measures 121.14 tons gross and 115.09 tons net.

WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

Trade the past week has been very dull and the market is quiet and steady, with little or no changes from last quotations. Receipts of ground fish have been good and last week's prices have been sustained, excepting that salt handline and trawl Georges cod have been dropped an eighth to meet the last outside sales.

Most discouraging reports come from the southern mackerel fleet, which with nine days of fine weather and cruising from Cape Charles to Fire Island, failed to find any mackerel. The season there is now short, before Cape Shore time, and with the light nights, which are unfavorable for the seiners, the prospect of a successful season is not at all encouraging.

The school of fish have struck on the Peak and Western bank and the shack fleet has had fine fishing, bringing in many big fares. The salt bankers have used up their frozen baiting and most of them are now at Nova Scotia ports for fresh bait or else trying to get by the ice to the Newfoundland coast for bait and where good codfishing is reported.

The receipts at this port for the week ending April 30 are

- 176,000 lbs. salt cod.
- 1,132,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- 30,000 lbs. halibut.
- 193,000 lbs. haddock.
- 70,000 lbs. hake.
- 107,000 lbs. cusk.
- 90,000 lbs. pollock.
- 1000 qtls. cured fish.
- 50 bbls. fresh alewives.
- 100 bbls. hutchers.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

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Large Georges cod (handline)	4.37 1-2	4.37 1-2
Medium Georges cod (handline)	3.62 1-2	3.62 1-2
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.12 1-2	4.12 1-2
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.37 1-2	3.37 1-2
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	3.62 1-2	3.62 1-2
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Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.25	2.25
Medium do.	1.75	1.75
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.00	2.00
Medium do.	1.50	1.50
Cusk	1.62 1-2	1.62 1-2
Haddock	1.00	1.00
Hake	1.00	1.00
Pollock	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 5 to 5 1-2 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 9 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 7 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 9 cts and 7 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod	\$7.00 per qtl.
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.25
Cured large Bank cod	6.25
Cured Medium Bank cod	5.75
Kench cured large Bank cod	6.50
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	7.00
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.50 to 3
Cured haddock	4.25
Heavy salted pollock	2.87 1-2
English cured pollock	4.00
Large handline bank	6.50
Medium handline bank	\$6.00

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$16 to \$17 per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	18 to 19 per bbl.
Shore bloaters	20 per bbl.
Nova Scotias	14 per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15 per bbl.
Norway bloaters	34 per bbl.
Norway 1s	27 per bbl.
Norway 2s	23 per bbl.